

IN THE ABSTRACT:

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-- ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-12, without prejudice.

Please add new claims 13-24, as follows:

13. (New) A method for geographically selecting digitally coded messages which are emitted from a plurality of transmitters, the digitally coded messages including location data, the method comprising the steps of:

transmitting, via the transmitters, selection data indicative of a respective transmission region of at least one of the transmitters; and

comparing, in receivers, the location data to the selection data for selecting the digitally coded messages, the selection data being dependent on a respective position of at least one of the receivers.

14. (New) The method according to claim 13, wherein the selection data includes location codes of particular areas, the particular areas being defined for coding and decoding of the digitally coded messages and being positioned at least partially in the respective transmission region of the at least one of the transmitters.

15. (New) The method according to claim 13, wherein the selection data includes coordinates and a radius of the respective transmission region of the at least one of the transmitters.

16. (New) The method according to claim 13, wherein a particular group of the transmitters emits identical data to the selection data.

cl 17. (New) The method according to claim 14, further comprising the step of:

transmitting reference data for the selection data, wherein the reference data and the selection data are transmitted in system messages of a data stream which includes the digitally coded messages.

Sub 18. (New) The method according to claim 17, further comprising the step of:

transmitting further data in a particular data block of the data stream, the further data including:

an identifier which indicates that the selection data is being transmitted,

a particular number of a location list for decoding the digitally coded messages in the at least one of the receivers, and

particular data relating to a type of the selection data.

19. (New) The method according to claim 18, wherein the selection data includes coordinates and a radius of the respective transmission region of the at least one of the transmitters, and further comprising the step of:

transmitting the particular data in the particular data block using a predetermined bit, the predetermined bit indicating whether the selection data includes one of:

the location codes of the particular areas, and

the coordinates and the radius.

20. (New) The method according to claim 19, further comprising the step of:

transmitting, in the particular data block, data indicative of a particular number of the location codes to be transmitted.

21. (New) The method according to claim 18, wherein at least one of the location codes is transmitted in at least one particular data block.

Sub 23 (New) The method according to claim 18, wherein the selection data includes coordinates and a radius of the respective transmission region of the at least one of the transmitters, and

wherein at least one of the transmitters transmits the radius in the particular data block, and transmits the coordinates in a further data block.

23. (New) A receiver, comprising:

a device receiving selection data transmitted by transmitters, the selection data indicating a respective transmission region of at least one of the transmitters,

wherein the device selects digitally coded messages which are emitted by the transmitters as a function of the selection data which depend from a respective position of the receiver, the digitally coded messages including location data, and

wherein the device compares the selection data to the location data.

24. (New) The receiver according to claim 23,

wherein, when overlapping data of the selection data is being received by the device, the device selects the digitally coded messages as a further function of an intersection of the received selection data, and

wherein the data is transmitted by a group of the transmitters.--

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment cancels, without prejudice, claims 1-12 in the underlying PCT Application No. PCT/DE98/00473, and adds new claims 13-24. The new claims conform the claims to U.S. Patent and Trademark Office rules and do not add new matter to the application.